MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state what the principle was that actuated them in the selection of certain officers in preference to others of similar status?

PRESIDENT: I was writing the address late at night, and put the names that flashed through my mind at that moment. There is absolutely no reflection on anybody. It is due to forgetfulness and nothing else.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): I am very much obliged to the Chair. That is all what I wanted to know.

Estimates for Public Works costing more than Rs. five lakhs.

375. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Is there any work now in progress or is about to be started by the Public Works Department the estimated cost of which exceeds five lakhs of rupees?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There is no work costing over Rs. 5 lakhs now in progress and the only one now under consideration is the Trivandrum water supply scheme. It is too early to say when the work will be started.

Benefits of Co-operative Societies to be given to Chitties, etc.

376. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to extend the benefits, supervision and encouragement given by them at present to Co-operative Credit Societies, to *Chitties* and *Karayogams* as well?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): *Chitties*, the value of which is not less than Rs. 100 in each case are now governed by the Chitties Regulation, III of 1094, as amended by Regulation I of 1100 and they are subject to such Government supervision as is laid down in that Regulation. The Government are not aware of the objects and constitution of *Karayogams* and cannot therefore decide whether these conform to the co-operation principle.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Are not the co-operative societies allowed certain special benefits in the matter of exemptions from stamp duty and other such dues to the Government?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): They are.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Are the *Chitties* allowed such benefits?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether such benefits cannot be granted to *Chitties* also?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The principles governing *Chitties* will have to be known to the Government before they consider the question of granting these benefits to *Chitties* also.

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